

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MARTIN GARCIA,

Plaintiff,

-v-

24 Civ. 4572 (PAE)

560 NY MINI MARKET INC. *et al.*,

Defendants.

ORDER

PAUL A. ENGELMAYER, District Judge:

Trial in this case is scheduled to begin on June 16, 2025. *See* Dkt. 35. On May 19, 2025, defendants 560 NY Mini Market Inc. and Hazem M. Obaid filed a notice entitled “consent to change attorney” that states defendants’ intention for a new counsel, Mohammad Sawaeer, Esq., to appear in lieu of current counsel, Enrique Leal, Esq. The Court will permit this substitution only upon the express understanding that the trial date, and all deadlines, remain in place, and that the substitution does not authorize defendants to relitigate issues, including scheduling issues, previously decided. *See* S.D.N.Y. Local Civ. R. 1.4 (b) (“Except where an attorney has filed a notice of limited-scope appearance as set forth in subsection (c), an attorney who has appeared for a party may be relieved or displaced only by order of the court. Such an order may be issued following the filing of a motion to withdraw, and only upon a showing by affidavit or otherwise of satisfactory reasons for withdrawal or displacement and the posture of the case, and whether or not the attorney is asserting a retaining or charging lien.”). Defendants are to submit a letter forthwith confirming this understanding. On receipt of such a letter, the Court will determine whether to permit the proposed substitution.

SO ORDERED.



PAUL A. ENGELMAYER
United States District Judge

Dated: May 21, 2025
New York, New York